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DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNANCE REFORMS

(Governance Reforms-2 Branch)

NOTIFICATION

(Replacing Notification No. 1/13/2012-1GR2/953153/1, dated 10-04-2017)

The 17th November, 2017

No.1/13/2012-1GR2/1107142/1.-The Governor of Punjab is pleased to abolish the Punjab Governance Reforms Commission and further to constitute The Punjab Governance Reforms and Ethics Commission (PGREC) as per the following:-

1. Preamble

Punjab Governance Reforms and Ethics Commission (PGREC) will recommend various measures for Governance and Accountability in the State. The Commission shall aim:

- (i) To promote proactive, responsive, accountable and efficient governance at all levels of the Government;
- (ii) To suggest measures to accelerate social and economic development of the State;
- (iii) To focus on citizen centric governance and promote transparency, accountability and corruptionfree service delivery of public services to citizens;
- (iv) To promote ethics in Governance

2. Constitution

- **2.1** The Commission shall be headed by a Chairman, who shall be a retired or serving officer not below the rank of Chief Secretary to the Government of Punjab or a Secretary to the Government of India.
- **2.2** The Commission shall have 3 ex-officio members:
 - (i) Chief Secretary
 - (ii) Additional Chief Secretary/ Administrative Secretary (Governance Reforms)
 - (iii) Additional Chief Secretary/Administrative Secretary (Finance)

- **2.3** The Administrative Secretary of the concerned Administrative Department shall be the co-opted member.
- **2.4** The Commission may engage experts/consultants for a specific purpose & for a specified time period, as required. These members could be individuals or institutional.
- 2.5 The Commission shall have a Member Secretary in the rank of the Secretary to Govt. of Punjab.

3. Tenure

The tenure of the Commission shall be for 5 years w.e.f. 10.04.2017.

4. Terms of Reference of the Commission

Without prejudice to the generalities of the terms of reference of the commission, as contained in the Preamble, the Commission shall examine the following specific aspects of governance and make recommendations thereof for consideration and decision by the government.

- **4.1.** Fiscal consolidation, including fiscal prudence, additional resources mobilization and improving quality of public expenditure.
- **4.2.** Governance Reforms for ensuring transparency and accountability and delivery of public services to the citizens in a corruption free manner.
- **4.3.** Primary/Secondary Health Care and Nutrition.
- 4.4. School Education.
- **4.5.** Social Security and Welfare
- **4.6.** Infrastructure Development including City Governance & Rural Governance.
- **4.7.** To examine and give its recommendations on all proposals received from the Departments/Boards/Corporations of projects more than Rs. 50 Crore

5. Conduct of Business of the Commission

- **5.1.** The Commission may devise its own procedure for conduct of its business.
- **5.2.** The Commission may call Administrative Secretary and other functionaries of the Departments and seek their support. The Departments will extend full support and cooperation to the Commission.
- **5.3.** The Commission may constitute groups/task forces on specific aspects of governance and ethics with a view to obtain expert inputs, with the prior approval of the Government of Punjab.

6. Cabinet Committee on Governance Reforms

- **6.1.** A Cabinet Sub-Committee of Governance Reforms headed by Chief Minister with Finance Minister, Minister Incharge (Department of Governance Reforms) and Minister Incharge of the concerned administrative department as members, shall be constituted. Chief Secretary shall be the Member Secretary of the committee and Chairman PGREC shall be a special invitee. The Department of Governance Reforms shall seek approval of the Council of Ministers (CMM) for the constitution of the Cabinet Sub-Committee
- **6.2.** The recommendations of the Commission shall be sent to the Department of Governance Reforms (DoGR) by the Member Secretary of the commission. Department of Governance Reforms (DoGR) shall further send the recommendations to the concerned Administrative Department to obtain its views or the Administrative Department shall draw a memorandum accordingly. The entire exercise shall be completed in 6-week time.

- **6.3.** The Cabinet Sub-Committee, as mentioned in para 6.1, shall be empowered to take a final decision on the recommendations of the commission. The committee in its discretion may remit the matter to Council of Ministers (CMM) for wider consultations and final decision.
- **6.4.** Department of Governance Reforms (DoGR) shall put up the status of implementation of the decisions on quarterly basis through Chief Secretary-cum-Member Secretary to the Cabinet Committee as mentioned in para 6.1.

7. Secretariat and Budgetary Support

The Department of Governance Reforms will provide the necessary secretariat, budgetary and other support to the Commission.

Chandigarh
The 10th November, 2017

NIRMALJEET SINGH KALSI, IAS

Additional Chief Secretary

Department of Governance Reforms

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
(LOCAL GOVERNMENT 2 BRANCH)
(PUNJAB MUNICIPAL BHAWAN, PLOT NO.3, SECTOR 35-A, CHANDIGARH)

NOTIFICATION

The 15th November, 2017

No.4/46/2013-(29)-1LG2/1106558/1.- In pursuance of the provisions of sub-section (1) of Section 60 read with Section 58, of the Punjab Town Improvement Act, 1922, and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to appoint the District & Sessions Judge of Patiala and Bathinda to be the Presidents of the Land Acquisition Tribunal, Improvement Trust, Patiala and Bathinda respectively under the said Act for a period of two years with immediate effect.

A. VENU PRASAD, I.A.S.,

The 9th November, 2017

Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Local Government.

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